

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed VA–HUD and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act.

House Committee ordered reported the Budget Responsibility and Efficiency Act.

The House passed H.R. 2563, Bipartisan Patient Protection Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S8629–S8848

Measures Introduced: Forty-six bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1302–1347, and S. Res. 147–149. **Pages S8703–05**

Measures Reported:

H.R. 93, to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide that the mandatory separation age for Federal firefighters be made the same as the age that applies with respect to Federal law enforcement officers.

H.R. 364, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5927 Southwest 70th Street in Miami, Florida, as the “Marjory Williams Scrivens Post Office”.

H.R. 821, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1030 South Church Street in Asheboro, North Carolina, as the “W. Joe Trogon Post Office Building”.

H.R. 1183, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 113 South Main Street in Sylvania, Georgia, as the “G. Elliot Hagan Post Office Building”.

H.R. 1753, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 419 Rutherford Avenue, N.E., in Roanoke, Virginia, as the “M. Caldwell Butler Post Office Building”.

H.R. 2043, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2719 South Webster Street in Kokomo, Indiana, as the “Elwood Haynes ‘Bud’ Hillis Post Office Building”.

H.R. 2133, to establish a commission for the purpose of encouraging and providing for the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Supreme Court decision in *Brown v. Board of Education*, with amendments.

S. Res. 138, designating the month of September as “National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month”, with amendments.

S. Res. 143, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the development of educational programs on veterans’ contributions to the country and the designation of the week of November 11 through November 17, 2001, as “National Veterans Awareness Week”.

S. Res. 145, recognizing the 4,500,000 immigrants helped by the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society.

S. Res. 146, designating August 4, 2001, as “Louis Armstrong Day”.

S. 271, to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide that the mandatory separation age for Federal firefighters be made the same as the age that applies with respect to Federal law enforcement officers.

S. 356, to establish a National Commission on the Bicentennial of the Louisiana Purchase, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 737, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 811 South Main Street in Yerington, Nevada, as the “Joseph E. Dini, Jr. Post Office”.

S. 970, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 39 Tremont Street, Paris Hill, Maine, as the “Horatio King Post Office Building”.

S. 985, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 113 South Main Street in Sylvania, Georgia, as the “G. Elliot Hagan Post Office Building”.

S. 1026, to designate the United States Post Office located at 60 Third Avenue in Long Branch, New Jersey, as the “Pat King Post Office Building”.

S. 1046, to establish a commission for the purpose of encouraging and providing for the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Supreme Court decision in *Brown v. Board of Education*, with amendments.

S. 1144, to amend title III of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11331 et seq.) to reauthorize the Federal Emergency Management Food and Shelter Program.

S. 1181, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2719 South Webster Street in Kokomo, Indiana, as the "Elwood Haynes 'Bud' Hillis Post Office Building".

S. 1198, to reauthorize Franchise Fund Pilot Programs.

S.J. Res. 19, providing for the reappointment of Anne d'Harnoncourt as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

S.J. Res. 20, providing for the appointment of Roger W. Sant as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

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Measures Passed:

VA-HUD and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act: By 94 yeas to 5 nays (Vote No. 269), Senate passed H.R. 2620, making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

Nelson (FL.) Amendment No. 1228 (to Amendment No. 1214), to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to report to Congress on the safety of children's playground equipment.

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Mikulski/Bond Amendment No. 1338 (to Amendment No. 1214), to make certain revisions and improvements to the bill.

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Mikulski/Bond Amendment No. 1214, in the nature of a substitute.

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Rejected:

Kyl Modified Amendment No. 1229 (to Amendment No. 1214), to specify the manner of allocation of funds made available for grants for the construction of wastewater and water treatment facilities and groundwater protection infrastructure. (By 58 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 266), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Schumer Amendment No. 1231 (to Amendment No. 1214), to make drug elimination grants for low-income housing available for the BuyBack America

program. (By 65 yeas to 33 nays (Vote No. 267), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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McCain Modified Amendment No. 1226 (to Amendment No. 1214), to reduce by \$5,000,000 amounts available for certain projects funded by the Community Development Fund of the Department of Housing and Urban Development and make the amount available for veterans claims adjudication. (By 69 yeas to 30 nays (Vote No. 268), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair was authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Mikulski, Leahy, Harkin, Byrd, Kohl, Johnson, Hollings, Inouye, Bond, Burns, Shelby, Craig, Domenici, DeWine, and Stevens.

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Election of Senate Sergeant at Arms: Senate agreed to S. Res. 149, providing for the election of Alfonso E. Lenhardt as the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate, effective September 4, 2001.

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Emergency Agriculture Assistance Act: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the vote on the cloture motion on S. 1246, to respond to the continuing economic crisis adversely affecting American agricultural producers, occur at 9:30 a.m., on Friday, August 3, 2001, and that all second-degree amendments to the bill be filed prior to 10 a.m.

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Authority to Make Appointments: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the recess or adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the President of the Senate pro tempore, and the majority and minority leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, by concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate.

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Permanent Standing Order/Referral of the Nomination of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the order that was submitted to the Senate today, be considered a permanent standing order with respect to the referral of the nomination of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works for the 107th Congress.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By unanimous vote of 97 yeas (Vote No. EX. 270), William J. Riley, of Nebraska, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit.

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By unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. EX. 271), Sarah V. Hart, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of the National Institute of Justice.

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By unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. EX. 272), Robert S. Mueller III, of California, to be Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation for the term of ten years.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Terrence L. O'Brien, of Wyoming, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit.

Jeffrey R. Howard, of New Hampshire, to be United States Circuit Judge for the First Circuit.

M. Christina Armijo, of New Mexico, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Mexico.

Karon O. Bowdre, of Alabama, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama.

David L. Bunning, of Kentucky, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Kentucky.

Karen K. Caldwell, of Kentucky, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Kentucky.

Claire V. Eagan, of Oklahoma, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Oklahoma.

Kurt D. Engelhardt, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana.

Stephen P. Friot, of Oklahoma, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma.

Callie V. Granade, of Alabama, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Alabama.

Joe L. Heaton, of Oklahoma, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma.

Larry R. Hicks, of Nevada, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nevada.

William P. Johnson, of New Mexico, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Mexico.

James H. Payne, of Oklahoma, to be United States District Judge for the Northern, Eastern and Western Districts of Oklahoma.

Danny C. Reeves, of Kentucky, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Kentucky.

Roscoe Conklin Howard, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be United States Attorney for the District of Columbia for the term of four years.

David Claudio Iglesias, of New Mexico, to be United States Attorney for the District of New Mexico for the term of four years.

Matthew Hansen Mead, of Wyoming, to be United States Attorney for the District of Wyoming for the term of four years.

Michael J. Sullivan, of Massachusetts, to be United States Attorney for the District of Massachusetts for the term of four years.

Drew Howard Wrigley, of North Dakota, to be United States Attorney for the District of North Dakota for the term of four years.

Colm F. Connolly, of Delaware, to be United States Attorney for the District of Delaware for the term of four years.

Susan W. Brooks, of Indiana, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana for the term of four years.

Leura Garrett Canary, of Alabama, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of Alabama for the term of four years.

Thomas C. Gean, of Arkansas, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Arkansas for the term of four years.

Raymond W. Gruender, of Missouri, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Missouri for the term of four years.

Joseph S. Van Bokkelen, of Indiana, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Indiana for the term of four years.

Charles W. Larson, Sr., of Iowa, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Iowa for the term of four years.

Lawrence J. Block, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years.

4 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

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Text of H.R. 2299, as Previously Passed:

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Authority for Committees:

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Privilege of the Floor:

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Record Votes: Seven record votes were taken today. (Total—272)

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Adjournment: Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 8:00 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Friday, August 3, 2001. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8706.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FEDERAL FARM BILL

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee continued hearings on the conservation provisions of the proposed Federal farm bill, focusing on rural economic issues, receiving testimony from David Kolsrud, CORN-er Stone Farmers Cooperative, Luverne, Minnesota, on behalf of the National Cooperative Business Association; Ronald L. Phillips, Coastal Enterprises, Inc., Wiscasset, Maine; Chuck Hassebrook, Center for Rural Affairs, Walthill, Nebraska; Karen Dearlove, Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission and Indiana Association of Regional Councils, Jasper, Indiana, on behalf of the National Association of Development Organizations; Curtis Wynn, Roanoke Electric Cooperative, Rich Square, North Carolina; Deborah M. Markley, Rural Policy Research Institute, Chapel Hill, North Carolina; Steve Lane, Security Savings Bank, Gowrie, Iowa, on behalf of the Iowa Independent Bankers Association and the Independent Community Bankers of America; and Jack Cassidy, CoBank, Greenwoodville, Colorado.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of John P. Stenbit, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Command, Control, Communication and Intelligence, and Ronald M. Sega, of Colorado, to be Director of Defense Research and Engineering, both of the Department of Defense, Michael L. Dominguez, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, and Nelson F. Gibbs, of California, to be Assistant Secretary for Installations and Environment, both of the Department of the Air Force, Michael Parker, of Mississippi, to be Assistant Secretary for Civil Works, and Mario P. Fiori, of Georgia, to be

Assistant Secretary for Installations and Environment, both of the Department of the Army, and H.T. Johnson, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Installations and Environment, Gen. John P. Jumper, USAF, for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Chief of Staff, United States Air Force, and 1147 military nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE INSTALLATIONS/CONSTRUCTION/ HOUSING

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2002 for the Department of Defense and the Future Years Defense Program, focusing on installation programs, military construction programs, and family housing programs, after receiving testimony from Raymond F. DuBois, Jr., Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Installations and Environment; Maj. Gen. Robert L. Van Antwerp, Jr., USA, Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management, Department of the Army; Rear Adm. Michael Johnson, USN, Commander, Naval Facilities Engineering Command; Maj. Gen. Earnest O. Robbins II, USAF, The Civil Engineer, Headquarters, United States Air Force; and Lt. Gen. Gary S. McKissock, USMC, Deputy Commandant for Installations and Logistics, Headquarters, United States Marine Corps.

DEPOSIT INSURANCE REFORM

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions concluded hearings to examine financial institution recommendations to strengthen and improve the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation's deposit insurance fund system, focusing on preserving the value of FDIC protection and coverage for the future, establishing a pricing structure, smoothing out premiums to avoid wild swings caused by the hard target reserve ratio, and providing appropriate rebates of excess fund reserves, after receiving testimony from Robert I. Gullledge, Citizens Bank, Robertsdale, Alabama, on behalf of the Independent Community Bankers of America; Jeff L. Plagge, First National Bank of Waverly, Iowa, on behalf of the American Bankers Association; and Curtis L. Hage, Home Federal Bank, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, on behalf of the America's Community Bankers.

SOCIAL SECURITY REFORM

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded hearings to examine Social Security reform issues, focusing on budgetary tradeoffs and transition costs, after receiving testimony from Peter R. Orszag, Sebago